

JS44 (Rev. 10/2020 NDGA)

## CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket record. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ATTACHED)

**I. (a) PLAINTIFF(S)**

JAMES TILLMAN

**DEFENDANT(S)**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**(b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF** ROCKDALE  
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

**COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT** DEKALB  
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED

**(c) ATTORNEYS** (FIRM NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND E-MAIL ADDRESS)

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**ATTORNEYS** (IF KNOWN)**II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION**

(PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

- ☐ 1 U.S. GOVERNMENT PLAINTIFF  
☒ 2 U.S. GOVERNMENT DEFENDANT  
☐ 3 FEDERAL QUESTION (U.S. GOVERNMENT NOT A PARTY)  
☐ 4 DIVERSITY (INDICATE CITIZENSHIP OF PARTIES IN ITEM III)

**III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES**(PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX FOR PLAINTIFF AND ONE BOX FOR DEFENDANT)  
(FOR DIVERSITY CASES ONLY)

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- CITIZEN OF THIS STATE  
CITIZEN OF ANOTHER STATE  
CITIZEN OR SUBJECT OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY  
INCORPORATED OR PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN THIS STATE  
INCORPORATED AND PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN ANOTHER STATE  
FOREIGN NATION

**IV. ORIGIN** (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

- ☒ 1 ORIGINAL PROCEEDING  
☐ 2 REMOVED FROM STATE COURT  
☐ 3 REMANDED FROM APPELLATE COURT  
☐ 4 REINSTATED OR REOPENED  
☐ 5 TRANSFERRED FROM ANOTHER DISTRICT (Specify District)  
☐ 6 MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION - TRANSFER  
☐ 7 APPEAL TO DISTRICT JUDGE FROM MAGISTRATE JUDGE JUDGMENT  
☐ 8 MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION - DIRECT FILE

**V. CAUSE OF ACTION** (CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE - DO NOT CITE JURISDICTIONAL STATUTES UNLESS DIVERSITY)

Plaintiff brings this action under the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 USC 2671, et seq., against the United States of America for the negligence of its employees who provided medical care to James Tillman at the VA Medical Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

**(IF COMPLEX, CHECK REASON BELOW)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Unusually large number of parties.            | <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Problems locating or preserving evidence                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Unusually large number of claims or defenses. | <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Pending parallel investigations or actions by government. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Factual issues are exceptionally complex      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8. Multiple use of experts.                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Greater than normal volume of evidence.       | <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Need for discovery outside United States boundaries.      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Extended discovery period is needed.          | <input type="checkbox"/> 10. Existence of highly technical issues and proof.          |

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## FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

RECEIPT # _____	AMOUNT \$ _____	APPLYING IFF _____	MAG. JUDGE (IFF) _____
JUDGE _____	MAG. JUDGE _____ (Referral)	NATURE OF SUIT _____	CAUSE OF ACTION _____

**VI. NATURE OF SUIT** (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)**CONTRACT - "0" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

- ☐ 150 RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENT & ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENT
- ☐ 152 RECOVERY OF DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS (Excl. Veterans)
- ☐ 153 RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENT OF VETERAN'S BENEFITS

**CONTRACT - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

- ☐ 110 INSURANCE
- ☐ 120 MARINE
- ☐ 130 MILLER ACT
- ☐ 140 NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT
- ☐ 151 MEDICARE ACT
- ☐ 160 STOCKHOLDERS' SUITS
- ☐ 190 OTHER CONTRACT
- ☐ 195 CONTRACT PRODUCT LIABILITY
- ☐ 196 FRANCHISE

**REAL PROPERTY - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

- ☐ 210 LAND CONDEMNATION
- ☐ 220 FORECLOSURE
- ☐ 230 RENT LEASE & EJECTMENT
- ☐ 240 TORTS TO LAND
- ☐ 245 TORT PRODUCT LIABILITY
- ☐ 290 ALL OTHER REAL PROPERTY

**TORTS - PERSONAL INJURY - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

- ☐ 310 AIRPLANE
- ☐ 315 AIRPLANE PRODUCT LIABILITY
- ☐ 320 ASSAULT, LIBEL & SLANDER
- ☐ 330 FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY
- ☐ 340 MARINE
- ☐ 345 MARINE PRODUCT LIABILITY
- ☐ 350 MOTOR VEHICLE
- ☐ 355 MOTOR VEHICLE PRODUCT LIABILITY
- ☐ 360 OTHER PERSONAL INJURY
- ☒ 362 PERSONAL INJURY - MEDICAL MALPRACTICE
- ☐ 365 PERSONAL INJURY - PRODUCT LIABILITY
- ☐ 367 PERSONAL INJURY - HEALTH CARE/ PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCT LIABILITY
- ☐ 368 ASBESTOS PERSONAL INJURY PRODUCT LIABILITY

**TORTS - PERSONAL PROPERTY - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

- ☐ 370 OTHER FRAUD
- ☐ 371 TRUTH IN LENDING
- ☐ 380 OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE
- ☐ 385 PROPERTY DAMAGE PRODUCT LIABILITY

**BANKRUPTCY - "0" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

- ☐ 422 APPEAL 28 USC 158
- ☐ 423 WITHDRAWAL 28 USC 157

**CIVIL RIGHTS - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

- ☐ 440 OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS
- ☐ 441 VOTING
- ☐ 442 EMPLOYMENT
- ☐ 443 HOUSING/ ACCOMMODATIONS
- ☐ 445 AMERICANS with DISABILITIES - Employment
- ☐ 446 AMERICANS with DISABILITIES - Other
- ☐ 448 EDUCATION

**IMMIGRATION - "0" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

- ☐ 462 NATURALIZATION APPLICATION
- ☐ 465 OTHER IMMIGRATION ACTIONS

**PRISONER PETITIONS - "0" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

- ☐ 463 HABEAS CORPUS- Alien Detainee
- ☐ 510 MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE
- ☐ 530 HABEAS CORPUS
- ☐ 535 HABEAS CORPUS DEATH PENALTY
- ☐ 540 MANDAMUS & OTHER
- ☐ 550 CIVIL RIGHTS - Filed Pro se
- ☐ 555 PRISON CONDITION(S) - Filed Pro se
- ☐ 560 CIVIL DETAINEE, CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT

**PRISONER PETITIONS - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

- ☐ 550 CIVIL RIGHTS - Filed by Counsel
- ☐ 555 PRISON CONDITION(S) - Filed by Counsel

**FORFEITURE/PENALTY - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

- ☐ 625 DRUG RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY
- ☐ 21 USC 881
- ☐ 690 OTHER

**LABOR - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

- ☐ 710 FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT
- ☐ 720 LABOR/MGMT. RELATIONS
- ☐ 740 RAILWAY LABOR ACT
- ☐ 751 FAMILY and MEDICAL LEAVE ACT
- ☐ 790 OTHER LABOR LITIGATION
- ☐ 791 EMPL. RET. INC. SECURITY ACT

**PROPERTY RIGHTS - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

- ☐ 820 COPYRIGHTS
- ☐ 840 TRADEMARK
- ☐ 880 DEFEND TRADE SECRETS ACT OF 2016 (DTSA)

**PROPERTY RIGHTS - "8" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

- ☐ 830 PATENT
- ☐ 835 PATENT-ABBREVIATED NEW DRUG APPLICATIONS (ANDA) - a/k/a Hatch-Waxman cases

**SOCIAL SECURITY - "0" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

- ☐ 861 HIA (1395ff)
- ☐ 862 BLACK LUNG (923)
- ☐ 863 DIWC (405(g))
- ☐ 863 DIWW (405(g))
- ☐ 864 SSID TITLE XVI
- ☐ 865 RSI (405(g))

**FEDERAL TAX SUITS - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

- ☐ 870 TAXES (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant)
- ☐ 871 IRS - THIRD PARTY 26 USC 7609

**OTHER STATUTES - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

- ☐ 375 FALSE CLAIMS ACT
- ☐ 376 Qui Tam 31 USC 3729(a)
- ☐ 409 STATE REAPPORTIONMENT
- ☐ 430 BANKS AND BANKING
- ☐ 450 COMMERCE/CC RATES/ETC.
- ☐ 460 DEPORTATION
- ☐ 470 RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS
- ☐ 480 CONSUMER CREDIT
- ☐ 485 TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT
- ☐ 490 CABLE/SATELLITE TV
- ☐ 890 OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS
- ☐ 891 AGRICULTURAL ACTS
- ☐ 893 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS
- ☐ 895 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 899
- ☐ 899 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT / REVIEW OR APPEAL OF AGENCY DECISION
- ☐ 950 CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES

**OTHER STATUTES - "8" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

- ☐ 410 ANTI-TRUST
- ☐ 850 SECURITIES / COMMODITIES / EXCHANGE

**OTHER STATUTES - "0" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK**

- ☐ 896 ARBITRATION (Confirm / Vacate / Order / Modify)

**\* PLEASE NOTE DISCOVERY TRACK FOR EACH CASE TYPE. SEE LOCAL RULE 26.3**

**VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:**

☐ CHECK IF CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.Civ.P. 23 DEMAND \$ \_\_\_\_\_ To be determined \_\_\_\_\_

JURY DEMAND ☐ YES ☒ NO (CHECK YES ONLY IF DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT)

**VIII. RELATED/REFILED CASE(S) IF ANY**

JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_ DOCKET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

CIVIL CASES ARE DEEMED RELATED IF THE PENDING CASE INVOLVES: (CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX)

- ☐ 1. PROPERTY INCLUDED IN AN EARLIER NUMBERED PENDING SUIT.
- ☐ 2. SAME ISSUE OF FACT OR ARISES OUT OF THE SAME EVENT OR TRANSACTION INCLUDED IN AN EARLIER NUMBERED PENDING SUIT.
- ☐ 3. VALIDITY OR INFRINGEMENT OF THE SAME PATENT, COPYRIGHT OR TRADEMARK INCLUDED IN AN EARLIER NUMBERED PENDING SUIT.
- ☐ 4. APPEALS ARISING OUT OF THE SAME BANKRUPTCY CASE AND ANY CASE RELATED THERETO WHICH HAVE BEEN DECIDED BY THE SAME BANKRUPTCY JUDGE.
- ☐ 5. REPETITIVE CASES FILED BY PRO SE LITIGANTS.
- ☐ 6. COMPANION OR RELATED CASE TO CASE(S) BEING SIMULTANEOUSLY FILED (INCLUDE ABBREVIATED STYLE OF OTHER CASE(S)):

- ☐ 7. EITHER SAME OR ALL OF THE PARTIES AND ISSUES IN THIS CASE WERE PREVIOUSLY INVOLVED IN CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_, WHICH WAS DISMISSED. This case ☐ IS ☐ IS NOT (check one box) SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME CASE.

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

DATE

1-12-23